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Dear Stan:-

Many thanks for your good letter of 19 April. You made hundreds of new friends and admirers for yourself personally, and you won hundreds of new supporters for the Agency, on your 12 April visit to Lexington. Indeed, the only enemies that you left behind here were enemies before you arrived, i.e., the Iranians, and a few crackpot Americans. Enclosed are some press clippings immediately after the event, and other clippings from just the past few days. The local Iranians (if in fact they are local) are still rumbling, and it looks like there is going to be a court case. In retrospect, it's hard to avoid the speculative conclusion that the well-organized Iranian semi-underground student movement in the U.S. decided to use your Lexington visit as the occasion for a major splash.

I should add that you also won new friends on your Ohio State visit on 13 April. For example, [redacted] currently the President of the International Studies Association, a first-rate scholar, a first-rate fellow, but a longtime liberal super-dove critic of anything and everything pertaining to the CIA, is now quite loudly singing your praises. He represents precisely the kind of new friend and supporter you need--a true convert, and a man who is influential in the academic community. Beneath his ideological commitments and postures [redacted] is a logical thinker who is open to evidence and persuasion, and he can be persuasive with others.

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Speaking of [redacted] thanks a million for letting him remain with us as your informal stand-in for our Board of

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Advisors meetings during 13-16 April. Bob has made a more favorable impression on me, on all professional and personal dimensions, than any new friend whom I have come to know over the past year or two. Based on what I have seen of him, I hope and trust that he is getting 4.0 fitness reports from you.

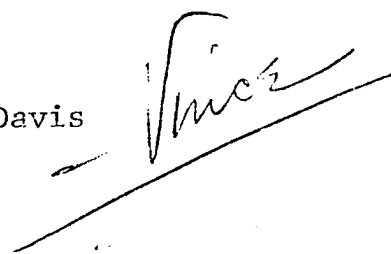
Speaking of fitness reports, thanks very much for your golden words in the document covering my time on board with you in summer '77. I should add, however, that I am not running for flag rank. A dear old friend of mine who is an outstanding attorney in Denver, and a super-outstanding Naval Reserve officer, was selected last year to be our one and only flag officer in the Naval Reserve Intelligence program. This man, Rear Admiral Martin J. "Marty" Andrew, USNR-R, will probably hold the DNRIP billet for perhaps three years, starting last 1 October 1977. I plan to remain on the rolls as long as he is our DNRIP, to be able to give him any help that he might need from me. When he retires, I plan to retire too. The Naval Reserve does not need aging captains like myself, hanging around on the fringes but with no truly useful roles to play.

The inputs on S. 2525 are much appreciated, and will be very helpful if in fact Dee Huddleston wants me to testify, as he has suggested.

Before then--in fact, early next week--I will send you some thoughts that you might wish to consider if the circumstances become appropriate.

Warmest personal regards,

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